

## CITIZENS' GUARD SQUADS OF 1895



THE KALINI SQUAD.



THE NUUANU VALLEY SQUAD.



THE PUNAKOU SQUAD.



THE LELEO SQUAD.

(Photos by Williams.)

HILO HAS A  
NEW PARTYHawaiians Favor the  
Republican  
Idea.

HILO, March 6.—There was an enthusiastic meeting of Hawaiians to the number of sixty in the Hail Church chapel on Tuesday night. The object of the meeting was the purpose of considering the county bill and the possible benefits which will follow the change of form of government. The audience was composed entirely of Hawaiians and a resolution was presented providing for the organization of a political party to be known as the American Republican. This was put in the form of a motion and carried by a vote of 45 to 15. There were a number present who spoke on the subject. They all wanted to be attached to the Republican party, but their hatred for the Hawaiian Republic is so strong that they cannot dissociate the Republican party from it. For that reason it was necessary to put the prefix "American" before the name of this new party.

## KAU'S SUGGESTIONS.

Kau Republicans held a meeting at Hilea on Monday and adopted a resolution that the districts of Kau, North and South Kona, North and South Kohala, and Hamakua be included in one county. The division is based on the fact that according to the returns the actual amount of taxes collected in those districts last year was \$165,000, against \$199,000 collected in Hilo and Puna. The citizens of Kau believe that the apportionment recommended in this resolution is a solution of the vexed problem of distribution. The matter of a county seat was not touched upon, as the people are willing to leave that for future consideration.

## HILO NOTES.

Frank de Camara was severely cut on the arm at the Excelsior Soda Water Works and the main artery was severed. He will recover.

The Honolulu party of volcano tourists arrived in the Kinau twenty-one strong. Albert Waterhouse was in charge.

Judge Little has granted Funakoshi

and Watanabe an additional thirty days in which to perfect their appeal to the Supreme Court for a new trial. J. W. Cathcart, ex-Deputy Attorney General has been retained by the prisoners as their attorney, instead of Messrs. LeBlonde & Smith and Wise & Ross.

For the third or fourth time Hilo merchants have captured a portion of the Kau plantation trade, and have shipped the goods under difficulties. With the extension of the Hilo Railroad to Pahala the bulk of that trade, which Honolulu now enjoys, would come here.

With mutilated coins, as in many other things, the Hilo police department is made the scape-goat. It is charged that nearly all the scratched coins in the island were "marked" by the police for the purpose of catching the fa players and illicit sellers of intoxicating liquors. "Marked coin" was a favorite form of evidence on the side of the Territory in the prosecution of cases at the recent term of court. This fact has given currency to the story that the sheriff's office has debased the coin of the realm.

The badly decomposed body of a Japanese was found Wednesday in the Waialuku river. Deputy Sheriff Overend has the matter under investigation.

The Order of the Eastern Star will entertain members and friends tomorrow night at the Masonic Hall. The principal diversion of the evening will be six-handed euchre.

The Hilo Mercantile Company has chartered the schooner Julia Whalen and will use her in transporting a large shipment of lumber and general merchandise to Punaluu.

The Onomea Sugar Company began grinding at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. Since September extensive improvements have been made in the mill.

The Olua Mill has produced nearly 10,000 tons of sugar this season. It is expected that the crop will be off by the end of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Peck gave a reception to Miss Hawthurst of Alameda on Tuesday night. It was largely attended.

Charles M. LeBlond, N. Ohlandt and Dr. F. J. Gardner were guests at the Volcano House Wednesday and Thursday. Dr. Gardner visited the crater of Kilauea Wednesday night and was favored with the first glimpse of fire that has been seen in Halemaumau since November.

It would seem that Madam Pele has decided to give a proper reception to Mr. Bidgood, the new Volcano House manager. The whole pit was illuminated Wednesday night, and the indications point to another period of activity in the crater.

GOVERNOR DOLE INSPECTS  
NEW AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE IN ACTION.

Wonderful Device Which Permits Subscribers to  
Call Up Other 'Phones Without Aid of a  
"Hello Girl" Given Test.

The automatic telephone, without "hello" girls, without slot machines and without party lines, where a third subscriber cannot possibly "butt in" on two other subscribers while they are talking over the system, was given a practical test at the shops of Guy Owens, the electrical engineer, yesterday forenoon, at which Governor Dole was an interested spectator. Guy Owens returned from the mainland in the Alameda on Friday and brought with him from Chicago a trunk full of automatic telephones and all the apparatus for establishing a sample system for the benefit of the legislature and Honoluluans who would care to see an up-to-date system here.

In the shops Mr. Owens had hastily rigged up three automatic telephones, together with the "central" battery. The "phones" were neat looking instruments and were numbered respectively 33, 66, 99. The "phone" consists of the usual transmitter, receiver, bells, battery and induction coil. On the front of the box is a metal calling dial of handsome design on the right side of

which and along the edges are ten finger holes numbered consecutively from 1 to 0. A stop is provided at the lower end of the holes to limit the distance to which the dial may be revolved.

When the Governor went to 'phone 33 yesterday he called up 'phone 66. To do this he took the receiver off the hook and then placing his finger in the hole 6 turned it around to the stop, released it and then pulled it down again to the same number. He pressed a small push button directly before him, the mechanism in the "central" battery placed near by for convenience acted automatically and the bell on 'phone 66 rang. While the Governor was talking over this line with Mr. Owens, the non-"butt in" feature of the service was shown. Another person stepped up to 'phone 99 and rang up 33, or at least tried to. He pulled the dial down for 33 and pressed the push button and then held the receiver to his ear. A continued metallic throbbing greeted his ear, which came from a mechanism in the "central" apparatus which is meant to signify "busy." The Governor and Guy Owens could not be interrupted while they were talking.

The explanation of the system is

easy, as a child can master the simple details after being once shown how to operate. The 'phones worked splendidly.

The advantages of the automatic telephone system as presented by Guy Owens to the Governor, representatives of the press and others were that no switchboard operators are required and one switchboard attendant only is needed for testing and keeping the apparatus in order.

All who witnessed the exhibition yesterday were satisfied that it was a solution of the vexed problem confronting Honolulu 'phone users. Governor Dole was extremely pleased with the simplicity and thoroughness of the service and especially at the prompt manner in which a subscriber could be called up. This action takes place the instant the dial is pulled down and the moment the receiver is placed to the ear the other end is connected and awaits only the subscriber at the other end to reply. It is claimed for the automatic system that it gives to each subscriber a private line over which to conduct conversation.

The Automatic Electric Company of Chicago which manufactures this apparatus is capitalized at \$3,000,000 and operates one of the largest and best equipped independent telephone factories in the world. The company now has orders and is building the apparatus for the great independent exchanges in the cities of Dayton and Columbus, O.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Portland, Me., and Chicago, Ill., in addition to a large number of smaller exchanges.

If present plans materialize, Honolulu will be given this wonderful telephone service in the near future. Guy Owens, of the Guy Owens Electrical Construction Company, has made arrangements with the Automatic Electric Company by which he has secured the right to install this automatic system in Honolulu and other cities of the Hawaiian Islands. He made a careful investigation of the system during his visit to the states, and is impressed with the idea that it is destined to supplant manually operated exchanges throughout the world.

## FACT NOT A FANCY.

Don't advertise; it can do you no good, nor will it help anyone else;—that is, if you have nothing of value to advertise, and cannot stand back of your assertions. If you advertise in spasms, and follow some style adopted by a fellow tradesman you get the Minnehaha. Advertising pays! That is the verdict of all who advertise a good article, one that will stand the test. Barnum said: "The public likes to be humbugged." Does it? Can you afford to say that you have an article of superior merit, and then palm off an inferior? Will the public come again? Nay! nay! The public gives you your bread; give the public what you say you will. If you state that the DOUGLAS PATENT CLOSET is guaranteed against leakage, and the annoyance of running water, stand ready to prove it. Bath, the plumber, sees the proof that the DOUGLAS gives satisfaction. The public buys the Douglas.

ROAD WORK  
IS STOPPEDFailure of Emergency  
Bill Ties Up Street  
Repair.

When the laborers in the employ of the road bureau of the Public Works Department quit work yesterday at noon they were notified that they need not return until further ordered. The failure of the Legislature to pass the general emergency appropriation bill was the cause of the order given yesterday to stop work in the road bureau, where there were no funds to pay.

In the emergency appropriations recommended by the governor are two items, one for roads and bridges in the Fifth District for \$10,000 and a second one for \$25,000 for \$25,000 in the Fourth District both in Honolulu. The money is needed to carry out the road work for the remainder of the fiscal period ending July 1st and yesterday the fund on hand to pay the laborers was exhausted.

About seventy men are laid off because of the lack of funds though the number of men out of employment does not indicate by any means the importance of the work which is abandoned because of the failure of the Legislature to act.

Road Supervisor Dwight said yesterday that three-fourths of the entire work in his department was stopped. The force laid off includes the lunas of the prison gang, which throws out also the prisoners who were working on roads. It includes all of the teamsters and the cleaning of the streets and their sprinkling will be temporarily abandoned.

The cessation of work will probably not be of long duration, as the Legislature is expected to pass the appropriation bill the coming week. It has already passed two readings in the Senate and will pass finally on Monday. It is in the House that the delay is caused.

Somewhat broken: "Was Mrs. Murphy pleased when she heard her husband's voice on the phonograph?" "Very much so." "But the record was scratched and his speech sounded incoherently." "Yes, she said it sounded just like him talking when he came home from the club."—Chicago News.